IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors.¹

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,

Debtor.

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

PROMESA Title III

No. 17 BK 3566-LTS

¹ The Debtors in these jointly-administered PROMESA title III cases (these "**Title III Cases**"), along with each Debtor's respective title III case number listed as a bankruptcy case number due to software limitations and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are: (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric and Power Authority (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747).

JOINDER OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO IN INFORMATIVE MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS REGARDING SCHEDULING OF DISCOVERY AND BRIEFING IN CONNECTION WITH MOTION OF CERTAIN CREDITORS OF EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO FOR RELIEF FROM AUTOMATIC STAY

The Official Committee of Retired Employees of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Retiree Committee") hereby files its Joinder to the Informative Motion of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Regarding Scheduling of Discovery and Briefing in Connection with Motion of Certain Creditors of Employees Retirement System of Government of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for Relief from Automatic Stay [Dkt. 5706], and states:

- 1. The Retiree Committee joins in the Unsecured Committee's Motion. As noted in that Motion, the Retiree Committee, which is directly and significantly impacted by the claims of the ERS Bondholders, substantively objected to the Motion for Stay Relief when it was originally filed last summer to protect the rights of the Commonwealth's over 160,000 retirees. [Dkt. 3468.] The Retiree Committee intends to participate in the hearing on the Motion for Stay Relief and in any discovery that is part of the litigation over the Motion for Stay Relief, consistent with its obligation to avoid duplication.
- 2. PROMESA affords the Retiree Committee an absolute right to be heard on this motion, *see* 48 U.S.C. § 2161(a) (incorporating 11 U.S.C. § 1109(b)), and in fact, the Retiree Committee has the biggest stake in the outcome of such litigation.
- 3. Accordingly, the Retiree Committee requests that when the Court enters a scheduling order it not include any language which would purport to limit the Retiree Committee's rights to be heard.

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